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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

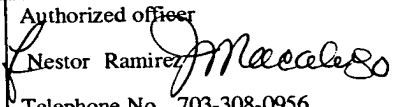
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.  
  
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand <b>19 August 2002 (19.08.2002)</b>	Date of completion of this report <b>19 October 2002 (19.10.2002)</b>
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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

☒ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description:

pages 1-21 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ the claims:

pages 22-29, as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ the drawings:

pages 1-8, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demand

pages NONE, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages NONE

☐ the claims, Nos. NONE

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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## **V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

### **1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-35</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-35</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-35</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

### **2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS**

Claims 1-35 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest an electrically powered actuator with a housing having a rotation shaft extending along a longitudinal axis, a thrust member concentric with and axially movable relative to the rotation shaft, a coupling nut non-rotatable relative to the housing member and the output shaft of an electric motor in-line, concentric with and integrally formed with the rotation shaft as recited in claim 1. Elements of the claimed device exist in the prior art. Peterson et al. discloses a motor output shaft in-line and concentric with a rotation shaft. Alfano et al. and Hartrampf et al. disclose a coupling nut non-rotatable relative to a housing member. In regard to claim 22, Bacchi discloses a manual override rotation member but does not disclose an access opening in the housing or a rotation shaft connected with the first end of a drive shaft. In regard to claim 26, Allen et al. discloses stop members but not stop members inserted between a rotation shaft and a thrust assembly. In regard to claim 32, Wolfbauer, III discloses a welding apparatus but does not disclose an electric actuator with an output shaft that is integrally formed with the rotation shaft of an electric motor.

#### ----- NEW CITATIONS -----

US 4,496,865 A (Allen et al) 29.01.1985, see column 5 lines 42-45.  
US 5,099,161 A (Wolfbauer, III) 24.03.1992, see column 5 lines 7-10.